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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The Book, of which the following pages are a digest, is the earliest of the four now preserved, containing the Vestry Minutes and Churchwardens' and Overseers' Accounts of the parish of Walthamstow. That there must have been many others is certain, but these, with their intensely interesting pictures of local life and accounts of the gradual upgrowing of local government and its development, have been either destroyed or lost. The desire to preserve all that is possible of the records of the wonderful growth of this parish suggested the printing in extenso of this volume, but the mass of material is so large that considerations of expense and limitations of space render this impracticable, and has compelled the printing of a selection only. Although these volumes are now carefully preserved there is, of course, always the risk of loss or damage by fire which makes the duplicating of their contents by means of the press increasingly desirable, and this Monograph is a first instalment, made possible by the kind permission of the Overseers who have given every facility for their examination, and to them, the Vestry Clerk, and the Assistant Overseers and their Staff, the grateful thanks of the writer are due.

Some account of the institution of churchwardens and overseers and the functions of their office would have been of interest, but in order to include as much of the actual records as possible this has been suppressed, but may perhaps be dealt with on some future occasion.

A good deal of memoranda concerning the bequests of the parish and its poor has been excluded, as the story of the Charities has been already told in this Society's Monograph No. 8.

All parishioners were entitled to attend the Vestry meetings, and all were liable to serve the parish offices, although exemption was granted upon occasions if a fine of varying amount, up to £10, was paid. These meetings were held regularly in Easter week for the choosing of churchwardens and sidesmen and the nomination of overseers of the poor, the nomination of the latter having to be confirmed by the magistrates, who apparently selected two out of the names submitted to them. All those present signed the book, or made their mark, the more important inhabitants signing first, the order of precedence being strictly observed. It may be noted that both churchwardens were chosen by the Vestry, and that after 1726 sidesmen were not appointed by that body.

The other regular meeting was held in December for the nomination of Surveyors of the Highways, two being proposed for the "Marsh side" and two for the "Forest side," one being selected for each district. Although they took their full share in the relief of the poor and the other business of the parish, the primary functions of the churchwardens were, of course, connected with the church, and the first entries will show the matters with which they had to deal, followed by those more particularly relating to the Overseers.

The transcripts have been left to speak for themselves, and in the main no difficulty should be experienced by the reader in understanding, but due allowance must be made for phonetic spelling.

S. J. B.

Extracts from Walthamstow Vestry Minutes

A Rate made by the Churchwardens and Overseers for the relief of the poor of the parish of Walthamstowe to reimburse Mr. Tho^s Butler, one of the overseers, from Michaelmas 1713 to Lady day following, being 3d. per pound.

Pounds per annum.	SHERNWELL STREET.	Pounds per annum.	MARSH STREET (contd.).
72.	Francis Eyles, esq. Alderman of London	30.	Mr. Martyn or occupier.
10.	Mr. Hillersden.	50.	Mr. Hartopp.
22.	Mr. Richard Collard.	10.	Wid. Dowgate or occup ^r
30.	For Mr. William Russell.	78.	Mr. Coward.
17.	For Hale End.	24.	for Drake.
55.	For Mrs. Fanshawe.	8.	Rob ^t Biggs or occup ^r
8.	Mrs. Collard.	50.	Mr. Whitechurch or occup ^r
12.	Mrs. Mary Seabroke.	8.	William Edwards.
20.	Mr. Bulkeley.	8.	Wid. Claggett or occup ^r
6.	John Catlen.	8.	Mrs. Beck.
23.	Mr. Will ^m King.	20.	Mr. Davis or occup ^r
8.	Mr. Hewlett.	40.	Sam Revell or occup ^r
8.	Mr. Humphreys.	29.	Jos Cooling.
4.	Widow Wakelyn.	10.	Mr. Tucker or occup ^r
18.	John Achison.	20.	Mr. Hilton.
10.	for Lascalleet.	4.	Mr. Forster's house.
		3.	his barn.
	HOE & CAPWORTH STREET.	8.	Sam Nicolls or occup ^r
60.	John Conyers, esq ^r	4.	Rob. Todd.
30.	Mr. Jacobsen or occupier.	15.	Mr. Savill.
18.	Mr. Butler.	12.	Mr. Smith.
26.	Mrs. Poxon or occupier.	8.	Mrs. Reeves.
12.	Mrs. Cowley.	6.	Mrs. Cope.
12.	Mr. Loyd.	6.	for Lanons.
30.	Mr. Dorman.	12.	Mr. Drake.
40.	Mr. Dennet.	42.	Sr Will ^m Coles.
9.	Mr. Jn ^o Benton.	27.	Rd Tyrrell.
28.	Mr. Galetly.	84.	for Lady Maynard.
8.	Mr. Jo ^a Barter.	55.	Mr. Garnett.
37.	Mr. Coant.	21.	for Jones.
20.	Margaret Todd.	30.	for Mrs. Molines.
4.	Mr. John Bocoek.	30.	for Young.
10.	Wid. Bocoek.	41.	Mr. Braint.
2.	Mr. Fisher.	30.	Mr. le Febure.
		16.	for Todd.
	CAPWORTH STREET.	4.	for Lady Maynard.
1	Capt ⁿ . Ingleds.	20.	Mrs. Humberstone.
4.	Mrs. Smith.	30.	Mr. Cullum.
12.	Mrs. Clark.	40.	Th ^o Biggs.
24.	Mr. Gansell.	7.	Mr. Hammond.
32.	Mr. Horn.	8.	Mr. Marsden.
12.	Mr. Wood for Pyotts.	6.	Claud Scott.
10.	Occupier of Marsh Land by ye Ferry.	110.	Mr. Hern.
		25.	Mr. Knightley.
	MARSH STREET.	170.	Mr. Todd.
30.	Mr. Cadwell.	12.	for Tith.
30.	Mr. Chase.	5.	Occup ^r of Forster's Barn.

Pounds per annum.	CLAY STREET.	Pounds per annum.	HALE END.
60.	Mr. Martyn.	26.	John Keep.
67.	Mr. Norton.	10.	Hains Miller.
27.	Humphry Davis for Pyots.	45.	Mr. W ^m Russell.
40.	Mr. Hawkins.	12.	for Mrs. Rowe.
72.	Widd. Stokes.	24.	for Rowe.
40.	Mr. Blount or Occup ^r	30.	for S ^r W ^m Coles.
30.	Mr. Reynolds.	20.	Mr. George Russell.
37.	Lady Johnson.	18.	Mr. Heard.
28.	Mr. Mills.	3.	Mr. Elderton.
30.	Mr. Oddy.	32.	Mr. George Nodes.
30.	for Mr. Hawkins or occup ^r	7.	for Hell Brinks.
24.	for Greenponds.	10.	Benj. Penny-feather.
85.	Mrs. Miller for Lady Maynard.	12.	John Dennis.
16.	for S ^r W ^m Maynard.	28.	Mrs. Clowson or occup ^r
10.	for Mr. Rowe.	22.	William Ginn.
12.	for Lady Ashley.		
35.	for y ^e College.		WOOD STREET.
3.	for Thompson.	14.	Miller for Mr. Wakelyn's farm.
8.	Miller, Matthews & Carter for y ^e forest.	10.	Richard Benton.
46.	Mr. Gascoign & Miller for Frances.	20.	Mr. Man.
70.	for Norfolk's Marsh.	8.	Lescalleet.
84.	for Mr. Conyers.	6.	for Rowe.
17.	for Lady Maynard's Uplands.	10.	Mr. Northleigh.
22.	for Thornton Marsh.	12.	for the Breaches.
18.	for Finch Marsh.	6.	Mr. White, landlord.
24.	Mr. Lowin.	35.	Mr. Hineley.
50.	Mr. Bull for Emple Marsh.	12.	Mr. White.
		19.	Rob. Graves.
		38.	Mr. Crokatt or occup ^r
	HIGHAM HILL & CHAPEL END.	12.	Th ^o Osborn.
50.	Mr. Rowe.	8.	Mr. Holt.
1.	for Wymead.	6.	Edward Gere.
8.	Tho ^s Bolton.	18.	Tho. Jones.
3.	for Pyott.	11.	Wid. Slowgrave.
28.	Th ^o King.	8.	Rob. Biggs.
51.	Wid. Norfolk.	8.	Mr. Queman.
48.	Rob. Woolly.	23.	Mr. Jacobsen.
50.	John Wilson for Hills.	28.	Mr. Bletso.
32.	for S ^r W ^m Maynard.	8.	S ^r G. Heathcote.
37.	for Mr. Coward.	10.	Tho ^s Skingle.
8.	for Rowe.	8.	Mr. Jer. Wakelyn.
120.	Mr. Welsh.	12.	for Mr. Jacobsen.
6.	for Seabroke.	13.	for Goodwins.
25.	Mrs. Finkle.	100.	for the tith.
18.	Wid. Dandy.	14.	for his farm.
8.	Fr. Wise or occup ^r	4.	John Hodgskins.

Four years later, in 1717, a 3d. rate produced £55 : 11 : 3.

In 1746, a voluntary subscription was raised "towards purchasing a Clock for the Parish Church of Walthamstow which has been much wanted for many years."

S^r W^m Maynard and S^r Edw^d Bellamy each gave £3 : 3, and Mr. Woolball, Mr. Navell, S^r Henry Blunt and Edward Conyers, Esq., £2 : 2, and at the end of the list are the names of seven persons who "gave nothing."

The clock cost £50 with additional expenses for placing it in position, etc. Small sums were paid at various times for cleaning the clock and on

May 24, 1728.	p ^d Mr. John Ireland for takeing down and cleaning y ^e church clock and for two new hands to the same w th painting and gilding	...	...	..	...	5	05	00
May 24, 1731.	Paid Jabiz Stock for Repairing the church clock	...				2	10	00

At a Vestry held for the parish upon Sunday the nine and twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord 1710,

It is order'd that Richard Martin esq^r churchwarden do erect a gallery att the West end of the church there extending from the Bellfry to the two first Pillars, which shall be built for the conveniency of such of the inhabitants who want pews in the church, and shall containe five pews in the front of an equall Dimension and two pews in the back part thereof, and the charge of building and finishing the s^d intended gallery being computed att £38 : 10, it is further order'd that £8 : 10 part of the s^d charge being monies paid by Mr. John Barton for a fine to excuse him from Parish offices shall be paid and applied to and for the erecting the said gallery and the remainder to be paid by such persons who shall have the benefitt of the pews in the s^d gallery as followeth viz^t:—the two middle pews seven pounds a piece, the two end pews six pounds a piece, and the two back pews two pounds a piece, and that no assessment be laid on the parishoners that are not to have pews there, towards the building or finishing the s^d gallery.

At a Vestry held in the church on y^e 13 May, 1711. Whereas the gallery mentioned and describ'd in the account of Vestry on 29th day of October last is now built and finisht at the charge of a fine lately paid to the parish and at the further charge of the Lady Johnson, Mr. John Morice, Mr. Jacob Jacobsen, Mr. Peter Hartopp, Mr. John Barton, and Mr. Jeremiah Wakelyn according to the sums respectively hereunder to their names affix'd; now know all men by thes presents, that we the minister, churchwardens and parishoners in Vestry assembl'd, do hereby, for our selves and successors, as far in us lies, convey the six several pews in the saide gallery, to the said six persons, upon their paying the price of each respectively as follows, viz.:—

The front pew to the south to the Lady Johnson	...	...	at £6
The middle pew to the south to Mr. Jacobsen	...	...	at £7
The middle front pew to the North to Mr. Morrice	...	...	at £7
The front pew to the north to Mr. Hartopp	...	...	at £6
The backward pew to y ^e south to Mr. Barton	...	...	at £2
The backward pew to y ^e north to Mr. Wakllyn	...	...	at £2

and we do farther request the s^d persons if they think fit to procure at their own charge a faculty from the Bishop of London for the same, for ninety-nine years to any person being Inhabitant of this parish for y^e remainder of y^e said terme.

At a Vestry held the 13th day of May, 1713. Order'd that the back doors of the cottages adjoyning to the south of the churchyard be forthwith stopt up. Ordered likewise that the Inhabitants of the several above mentioned cottages be recommended preferable to

all other persons to the Trustee of the Almshouse and that as the houses become vacant by that or any other means they be forthwith demolish'd and a pale fence continued on that side of the churchyard.

N.B.—In pursuance of the within written order of Vestry concerning the Cottages on the south side of the churchyard, the house or cottage adjoining Eastward of the southgate became void by the nomination of Thomas Mittin, then inhabitant there, to one of the almshouses vacant by death of James Edwards in the year 1721. In the same year another cottage, adjoining to the forementioned, fell down and the Widow Grey, then inhabitant therein, was allowed by the Parish 20s. per annum for her lodging in another place. In the same year the three houses standing to the westward of the south gate became likewise void, viz. the first by the removal of R^d Eastwood from thence, as being not an Inhabitant legally settled in this parish, but in the parish of St. Giles's in the fields, London, the second by the removal of Richard Death, who had been suffer'd to dwell there since the nomination of Margaret Pickering to the almshouse vacant by the death of Widow Prudence Green in the year 1718 and the third by the nomination of James Portlock, who dwelt therein, to an almshouse vacated in the year 1721 by the death of Giles Margerson. Hereupon the above mentioned five cottages, which by reason of their miserable condition and want of outlet, were a nuisance to their own inhabitants as well as to the whole neighbourhood, and which for many years had unwarrantably encroach't upon the consecrated ground of the churchyard, were at length demolish'd in the year 1721; at the instance of me Edm^d Chishull, vicar, and with the consent of the parishoners, who likewise in consideration of the said cottagers having formerly been at some charge in the repair of their respective cottages, allow'd each of them to take the materials of y^e same to their proper use. Note likewise that another house adjoining eastward to the aforesaid gateway was taken down in the year 1704 and that the sweep or semicircular fence at the same gate was then made by y^e consent of Mr. James Barker, then vicar, and Mr. Jeremiah Wakelin churchwarden, the ground of which sweep is all within the true boundary of the churchyard.

June 5, 1721. pull'd down 2 houses on y^e east side of y^e churchy^d gate.

November in the same year. Pull'd down 3 other cottages on y^e west side of y^e s^d gate.

Aug. 12th, 1714. Received of Francis Eyles, esq^r, Alderman of London, a Bank Bill of fifty pounds, being his very generous and pious gift to the church of Walthamstowe for purchasing a velvet covering to the pulpit and communion table together with a new marble font; as also his order at the same time to lay out what I should find farther necessary for the making each of these particulars very proper and decent in their kind. I say received the said Bill and such farther order the day and year above written

by me Edm^d Chishull.

account of the pulpit and communion table cloth, marble font &c.

13 Oct., 1714.	paid Philip Humphreys of Spittle fields, weaver, for twenty yards of						
	crimson velvet, agreed at 20s. per yard	...	...	...	...	20	00 00

14 Oct., 1714.	paid John Prior of London, Upholsterer, for fringe round the whole work	11	15	00
	ditto for four Tassels to y ^e pulpit cushion	02	00	00
	lining the whole in crimson linen	09	16	00
	to y ^e same for work and other materials	02	00	00
	to y ^e same for a crimson linen bag	00	04	00
16 Oct., 1714	paid Thomas Stayner, stonecutter, for the new marble font with charges			
	in placing y ^e same and hanging y ^e lever	15	05	00
	Thus paid in all by Mr. Eyles's order	54	00	00
26 Oct., 1714.	Received of Francis Eyles esq ^r the sum of four pounds which with fifty pounds before of him received makes fifty-four pounds in full for what I laid out by his order and for the particulars of his gift to the church of Walthamstowe.			

Ed^m Chishull.

At a Vestry held on Tuesday in Easter week being the thirtieth day of March, 1725. Order'd that a pew lately built at the East end of the South Isle at the proper cost of S^r Henry Maynard, Bart. be therefore appropriated to the use of such persons to sit therein as he shall direct.

Order'd likewise that the opening of the arch betwixt the Bellfry and Body of the church be shut up with a wall of quartering and plaistering in a sufficient and decent manner and agreement be made with proper workmen to complete it; together with the porch at the North door.

Mch. 17, 1727. Whereas Mr. Phillip Dikes y^e present churchwarden has bene sited into Doctors Comons by Mr. Rob^t Dennett and Colonel Sam^l Hannott for seating Mrs. Mackett in y^e pew w^{ch} Mrs. Nortons family and all y^r predecessors have ever sat in, who is now inhabitant in said house of Mrs. Nortons, its agreed at y^e Vestry y^t aforesaid churchwarden shal bee defend^d at y^e parish expense he having acted agreable to his office and duty.

At a Vestry held for the affairs of this parish the 20th day of June, 1731, whereas the minister, churchwardens and parishioners in Vestry heretofore assembled did assign and appropriate unto Mr. Jeremiah Wakelin and his assigns for the term of ninety-nine years the north pew in the upper part of the gallery of this Church for the sum of forty shillings by him then paid towards the building the s^d gallery. Now witness these presents that the said Jeremiah Wakelin doth hereby give up and resign the s^d pew to the s^d parishioners for the use of the s^d parish in exchange for one other pew in the Body of the Church Butting northward upon the pew of Mr. Thomas Hawkins and southward upon the South Isle of the church. To be held by him and such person or persons as by him and his heirs shall be appointed being parishoners. Provided always that if he or such person or persons so appointed shall at any time be let, hindred or excluded from the use of the said pew by any Person or persons other than Mr. Philip Dikes and his wife (during their being inhabitants of this parish) then this his giving up and resigning to the parishioners the said gallery pew shall be from thenceforth utterly void and of none effect.

June 8, 1732. Its ordered that Colonall Hannot the present churchwarden do new front and repair the floors of the pews in the middle Ile of the Church from S^r Henry Maynards pew to the corner pew westward and from y^e pewe of Mr. Hannot and Mr. Dennetts westward to y^e corner pew on that side.

Sept. 3^d 1732. Its now ordered and agreed that Cono^l Hannot being deceased that Mr. John Rigg the presant churchwarden do in all Respects perform the orders aforesaid.

(this refers to the refronting and repairing the floors of the pews as above.)

Memoranda at end of Book:—

X July, MDCCXX. The original chancel door being taken away in the year 1535, when the south Ile of the church was continued eastward to the end of the chancel and the door then made instead of that original chancel door being now found to be very inconvenient, not only for the great cold it occasions in time of divine service, but by reason of a robbery committed on the Church by way of this door on the 20th day of October, 1718; it is for that reason now shut up with brickwork; And the way or entrance into the chancel is from hence-forward allowed to be through the porch and great door of the south Ile.

Memorandum that the floor of the right hand pew at the North entrance of the church covers a black marble gravestone thus enscribed—Here lyeth the Body of Mrs. Anne Bagshaw the daughter of John Bagshaw esq. of Cutworth in the County of Northampton who departed this life the 19th day of September in the year of our L^d 1700. Resurgam.

Disbursements on the Church account:—

1709.	Bread and wine at four Communion	...	...	...	...	1	8	0
	cleaning church plate and fetching from London four times	...	...	...	...	0	14	0
	p ^d for a folio Common Prayer book in the reading desk	...	...	...	...	0	10	0
	due Drake, Taylor his bill for squabs about y ^e communion rails, badges, &c.	...	...	...	...	1	9	6
	due Stainer the stonecutters bill for y ^e parish part of paving y ^e altar	...	...	...	...	13	0	0
	due Read y ^e carpenters Bill for rails and wainscot about y ^e same	...	...	...	...	11	10	0
	due Bicker y ^e painters Bill for painting y ^e same	...	...	...	...	0	17	0
	p ^d Mittin for cleaning y ^e church before Easter	...	...	...	...	0	3	0
1711.	charges in going y ^e bounds of the parish on Holy Thursday	...	...	...	...	06	05	00
	p ^d for cleanen y ^e Leads and church	...	...	...	...	00	03	00
	p ^d for caring the church plate Backward and forward to London	...	...	...	...	00	12	00
	p ^d for a prear book	...	...	...	...	00	02	00
	p ^d bear for workmen at y ^e church	...	...	...	...	00	03	00
	p ^d for a horse to gather a breaf	...	...	...	...	00	01	06
	p ^d for 3 Locks and Kees and clapeses	...	...	...	...	00	10	00
	p ^d at a Vestry to find out a way to implye the poor	...	...	...	...	01	07	00
	p ^d at a nother Vestry to find out a way to imply the poor	...	...	...	...	00	19	6
	p ^d upon the same occasion as before mensiond	...	...	...	...	00	13	4
1715.	weeding the churchyard and a brush	...	...	...	...	0	3	6
	a bread basket	...	...	...	...	0	4	6
	washing y ^e church	...	...	...	...	0	2	6
1716.	Six loads of gravel brought and laid at y ^e churchyard gate at 16d. per load	...	...	...	...	0	8	0
	p ^d for digging of y ^e same	...	...	...	...	0	1	6
1724.	For a new sett of Bell Ropes	...	...	...	...	01	06	0
	For Tolling y ^e 8 and 4 of y ^e clock Bell	...	...	...	...	1	00	0

	For Bread and wine at Sacraments ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	09	0
	For Ringing on y ^e Rejoycing days .	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	0
	For the Clerks Sallery ...	...	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
1726.	p ^d for 2 new tankard cases ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	6
	p ^d for a bagg to carry y ^e churchplate in ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	
	p ^d for a pannel frame and writ ^g y ^e names of y ^e poor in y ^e same who are to have bread at y ^e church ...	...	...	...	...	...	9	6	
	p ^d for a new Comon prayer book for y ^e clark ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	15	—
	p ^d S ^r Henrys Butler for cleaning y ^e church plate ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	
1727.	Paid a Vestry dinner passing y ^e parish officers acct ^s ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	
1727/8.	p ^d S ^r H. Maynards serv ^{ts} for looking after and cleaning y ^e church plate ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	—	
1728.	p ^d the Sexton for fetchng and carrying y ^e comunion plate from S ^r H. M. on sacrament days ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	
	p ^d the widow Bredmore, glazier, hir bill for work done in y ^e church ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	—
	p ^d John Shrimpton for sacrament wine ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	8
	p ^d John Shrimpton y ^e clark a years salary ...	...	...	...	...	...	6	—	—
	p ^d Edward Evison, Baker, for bread for y ^e several sacraments ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	
	p ^d Mr Tho ^s Tillet proctor his bill of Law charges for defending y ^e churchwarden in y ^e suit brought against him by Mr. Rob ^t Dennett and Co ^l Sam ^l Hannett relateing to y ^e pew Mr. Heneage Norton sat in ...	...	...	...	...	...	15	8	6
	paid y ^e Arch Deacons officers for a new form of prayer for y ^e 11 th June 2 ^s and y ^e like for 5 th 9ber. 2 ^s ...	...	...	...	...	...	4	0	
1728 9.	paid y ^e Arch Deacons officer for an order of Councell for altering y ^e form of prayer for Royall family ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	
	paid for penns ink and paper ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	6	
	paid Edward Greengrass, carpenter for mending y ^e pailing in y ^e churchyard and other work in y ^e church ...	...	...	...	...	...	12	—	
	paid Tho ^s Cordell smith for work done in y ^e church and churchyard ...	...	...	...	...	...	10	—	
1729.	p ^d Richard Turrill marshbaley for putt ^g down 6 stones in y ^e marsh to mark out y ^e churchwardens acre ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	—	
1729/30.	p ^d Henry Norcott for 6 stones and cutting W ^p on y ^e same for to mark out y ^e churchwardens acre... ...	...	...	...	...	...	15	—	
1731.	To John Shrimpton for cleaning the inside walls of the church 10 ^s and to Muttens wife for cleaning the pews afterwards 5 ^s ...	...	...	...	...	...	15	—	
	Paid Mr. Hatton for painting in the Church desk ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	—	
1732.	To John Shrimpton spent Perambulation day... ...	...	...	...	...	...	6	12	8½
1732/3.	To p ^d Neckng the surplice ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	
	To p ^d mending the pulpit valants ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	—
	To church fees for Persons buried at the parish expense at 4 ^s 6 ^d each... ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	6
	To the Bearers for the above burials ...	...	...	...	...	...	11	—	
1734.	To Sam ^l Chandler for a stone stop at the Churchgate ...	...	...	...	...	...	12	—	
	To a New Bible for the Church ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	—
	To a new Common prayer Book ...	...	...	...	...	...	14	—	
	To Sam ^l Bignall the plumber for mending the south Leads ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	4
	To a new Surplice ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	8	—
	To neckng two surplices ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	
	To altering the new one ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	
1735.	To Jo ⁿ Shrimpton spent y ^e Perambulation Day ...	...	...	...	...	...	8	—	—
	To Shrimpton, Clark his years salary ...	...	...	...	...	...	10	—	—
	To Ditto for y ^e Sacrament wine and bread ...	...	...	...	...	...	4	18	6

1736.	p ^d for a brush and cleaning the insid of y ^e church walls	...	...	...	10	6
	p ^d Henry Norcott, carpender, his Bill for work don in the church and churchyard mending y ^e pailing and y ^e Bells and 4 padlocks	...	...	...	18	2 9
	p ^d the alteration of the Litany	...	...	...	2	—
1737.	p ^d Thomas Mitton for cleaning things in the church, churchyard and steeple	...	...	...	1	6 —
	p ^d for a Lanthorne for the use of the church	...	...	...	1	6
1738.	Due to Tho ^s Mitten for Ringing Morning and Even ^g Bells	...	...	...	1	— —
	For 2 Prayer Books for Church Wardens pew	...	...	...	1	1 —
1740.	To p ^d John Lea half a years sallary	...	...	...	5	— —
	To p ^d for a form of Prayer for a Fast	...	...	...	2	—

11 May, 1715. Order'd that the following days and no other be ringing days to be paid for by the churchwardens to six ringers at one shilling each, viz., Christmas day, the 29th day of May, the 5th of Nov^r, the birthday and coronation day of K. William, the Birth day and Coronation day of Queen Ann, the birthday and coronation day of his present majesty K. George, and that the method of ringing be one peal in the morning beginning at five o'clock and another in the evening beginning at six.

James Matthews churchwarden A.D. 1715.

To rec'd for Bell and Ground for Burials of:—

Mrs. Buller...	...	...	...	...	8	4
Mrs. Feasey	...	...	...	...	8	4
Mr. Sturton	...	...	...	...	8	4
Mrs. Benton	...	...	...	...	8	4
Mrs. Tavener	...	...	...	...	8	4
Mrs. Wakelin	...	...	...	...	8	4
Mrs. Sammes	...	...	...	...	8	4
Sr W ^m Maynard	...	...	...	...	8	4
Mr. Collard's child	...	...	...	...	8	4
Mr. Bocoeks child	...	...	...	...	8	4

Bell only for burials of

Mrs. Bletso	...	...	...	...	5	—
Mr. Kings sister	...	...	...	...	5	—
a child from Marsh Street	...	...	...	...	5	—

September y^e 22th, 1727. Ordered that from this time noe new Bell Ropes or Locks for y^e churchyard gates shal bee provided at other times yⁿ when y^e old ones are wore out and not fit for use.

y^e 26 Dec., 1727. Orderd that the following days bee appointed as publick Ringing days to bee paid for by y^e churchwardens, viz^t, The Inauguration of King George y^e 2, his coronation, his Nativity, the Queens Nativity, y^e Prince Wales nativity, Christmas day, Easter day, King Charles Restoration and y^e 5th November.

April 30, 1732. At a Vestry then held for y^e parish afores^d it was ordered that a Preambulation be in the s^d parish uppon Asention day next and that Colon^l Hannot the present churchwarden do expend on that day five pounds.

June 16, 1735. It was unanimously agreed that the yearly sallary of John Shrimpton present parish clarke shall be augmented Four pounds w^{ch} will make the said sallary of the yearly value of Ten pounds.

May 21, 1739. It was unanimously Resolved that if a proper person was appointed to be Beadle of the parish it would be greatly Beneficial to the parish and the officers thereof. Whereupon Mr. John Lea an Inhabitant of the parish being proposed by some of the parishioners to serve that office he was accordingly accepted. It is therefore ordered that the said John Lea be Beadle of the parish from the day of the day of these presents untill the twenty first day of May next ensuing which will be in the year of our Lord 1740. And that he be particularly carefull in Inquiring Daily after all Inmates who come to Inhabit in the parish without certificats and Deliver a true account thereof from time to time to the churchwardens of the parish. And that he cause to be apprehended all Vagrants and Sturdy Beggars wandring in and about the said parish and do all other matters and things relating to the office of a Beadle and that the said John Lea be allowed by the parish for such his care and trouble and attendance the said year the sume of ten pounds to be paid him quarterly by the churchwarden of the parish who is to be allowed the same in his accot^s



Matter more particularly relating to the Overseers and the Care of the Poor.

At a Vestry held in the Church this 26th day of Nov., 1710, it is ordered that James Gibson a parish boy be plac'd out apprentice to Richard Pullen of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate in London, citizen and silkweaver and that three pounds be thereupon paid to the said Richard for the said apprenticeship till the boy be of twenty one years of age and farther one pound when the said Richard Pullen shall bind the boy to him according to the rules of the City of London.

Ordered likewise that four pounds be paid to George Botcher of this parish in apprenticeship with John Medlicot, a boy likewise of this parish.

At a Vestry holden for the parish upon Friday the one and twentieth day of October in the yeare of our Lord 1711.

Upon the proposall of Mr. Thomas Bletso, Inhabitant of this parish, to pay tenne pounds to be for the future exempted from serving any parish offices. It is thereupon agreed to accept of the said proposall and by the consent of the inhabitants now assembled in Vestry, hee is order'd to be excused from serving any parish office during the time of his continueing an inhabitant of this parish.

At a Vestry held in the Church Novemb^r 11 and adjourned to Mr. Bococks hous churchwarden on Monday Novemb^b 12, 1711. Order'd that the churchwarden contrive some way for the poor haveing provisions at the best hand so y^t it be done without charg to the parish and for the sick and Industrious poor.

Order'd that the Churchwarden wait upon Mr. Loyd and desire him to employ the poor of this parish in Twineing silk &c.

Order'd that the churchwarden contrive some way for the better maintaining and Imploying parish children till they are fit to goe abroad.

Order'd that the churchwardens by 20 spinning wheels and reels for Pension^{rs} and parish children.

July, 1717. Paid by Mr. Nash for the use of the poor into the hands of Mr. Chishull the sum of two pounds ten shillings being a forfeiture upon his information that his mother Mrs Lydia Nash, late deceased, was buried in Linen.

Bestow'd the above mention'd sum of two pounds ten shillings by consent and order of Mr. Hartopp churchwarden upon Anne the wife of John Baker of Claystreet shoemaker in consideration of a debt by her husband contracted to Mr. Wafer, surgeon, of Ten guineas for the cure of her leg; and that after ten pounds before paid him for cutting off her daughters arm by which means the family being much distressed petitioned the parish for relief.

Sept 16, 1720. Then paid to Mr. John Hoskins churchwarden and by him distributed the sum of 50s forfeited to the parish for the buryal of Mrs. M^r Poole in Linen as follows, viz^t

to widow Roberts having broke her arm	1	5	0
to W ^m Mason lately afflicted in his family with sickness	0	10	0
to Widow Biggs in Marsh Street lately cut for the stone	0	5	0
to Adam Reed old and past his labour	0	2	6
to James Edwards almsman then sick	0	2	6
to W ^m Macasin and his wife lately visited with sickness	0	5	0
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	2	10	0

Paid to John Haskins, churchwarden and by him distributed the sum of 50s. forfeited to the parish for the Buryal of Mrs. Grace Cowley in Linen as following

21 Sept., 1720.	To John Duck his wife then lying in	0	5	0
	To Rob. Hockley then sick	0	5	0
10 Apl., 1721.	To John Mason after the burning of his house	1	0	0
	To Widow Sewil lodger in y ^e same house	0	5	0
	To Widow Martin lodger in the same	0	5	0
	To Nicholas Loveday lodger in the same	0	5	0
	To Widow Biggs, next neighbour and damaged by y ^e fire	0	5	0

At a Vestry holden on Munday y^e 27th day of Decemb. 1725. Whereas y^e care and charge of y^e poor begins very sensibly to encrease wth in y^s our parish and whereas y^e establishing of workhouses in several parts of y^e nation for entertaining maintaining and employing therein y^e poor hath bene found highly advantagiouse to all respective parishes as well as comfortable to y^e poor themselves. Its therefore resolved and ordered by us now in Vestry assembled y^t y^e present churchwarden and overseers of y^e poor of y^e parish wth certain other persons here under named bee hereby requested and empowered to act as a Committee of Vestry and as such they or any five of them to treat and agree for a proper house to be taken for three years from Lady Day next for y^e reception and employment of all such poor as shal receive and require legal maintenance of y^e parish and y^t y^e said house being actually hired and in possession of y^e parish officers all such persons as now receive a pention or money for rent be forthwith removed and placed by y^e overseer of y^e poor in y^e said house those of y^e alms-house only excepted. It is further ordered and resolved y^t y^e said officers and persons here-under mentioned doe move wth all convenient speed, meet and agree upon and draw upp a certain method of managing y^e said house and poor therein and of furnishing y^e same wth all necessary provision for y^e support and also all materials and instruments necessary for setting y^m to work. S^r Henry Maynard, Edward Conyers, Rob^t Dennett esq^{rs}, Mr. John Brant, Mr. Jerem. and John Wakelin, Mr. W^m Russell, Mr. Tho^s Garnet, Mr. Rich^d Turrill, Mr. Tho^s Fowle, Mr. Tho^s Miting or any other of y^e parishioners who may bee pleased to joyn with said persons from time to time.

At a Vestry holden on Munday y^e 21 March 1725/6 for considering of proper Regulation for y^e workhouse y^e following matters were agreed upon, viz.

Whereas at a Vestry holden y^e 27 December last, S^r Henry Maynard, Robert Dennett esq. Mr. Jerem. Wakelin, Mr. Rich^d Turrill and several other parishioners were appointed to agree for such a house as they should think proper and convenient to bee converted into

a workhouse, accordingly y^e afore named persons wth several other of y^e parishioners did on y^e 5th of January last meet and agree with Mr. Joseph Schooling Jun^r for a house in How Street now in y^e possession of said Joseph Schooling or his under tenants at y^e rate of Fourteen Pounds p^r annum (to say for y^e house, yard, orchard and y^e other appurtenances there unto belonging, y^e Barn, Stable, and Cowhouse, Calves Coopes, with a little house at y^e end of y^e Barn only excepted) to comence from Lady Day next for y^e tearm of three years certain and for three years more if y^e parish require y^e same their giveing him six months notice of y^r intentions hee being to have y^e liberty of a cart way to his Barn aforementioned. Ordered y^t y^e churchwarden does forthwith provide several sorts of household furniture of w^{ch} hee has a list given him.

It is likewise farthur agreed wth y^e above mentioned Joseph Schooling to allow him Twenty shillings to indemnifye y^e parish from all loss or damage that may happen by fire to said workhouse for y^e tearm of three years from Lady day next.

At a Vestry holden on Munday y^e 28th March, 1726, it was agreed wth Thomas King and his wife to bee governour and governess of the workhouse now established and to allow s^d King and his wife y^e sum of five shillings p. week as a sallary to commence from Munday y^e 4th Aprill next and they to be continued for one month upon trial or longer if y^e parish shal think propper and it is also agreed wth y^e said King to allow y^e parish out of y^e aforesaid sallary one shilling p. week for the maintenance of his grandson Richard Jourdan a lad who is to live wth him in s^d workhouse as an assistant to him in writeing down what is necessary to bee minuted.

The several Rules and orders to bee observed in said Workhouse were read and agreed to and ordered to be wrote out and hung up in y^e Hal of said workhouse to w^{ch} will be annexed a bill of fair for each day of y^e week.

Mr. Thomas Mitting and Mr. John Wakelin are appointed to agree wth Butcher, Baker, Brewer and others for supplying said workhouse with provisions for y^e space of one month.

Apl. 28, 1726. Ordered y^t S^r Henry Maynard, Mr. Thomas Mitton and Mr. Jerem Wakelin doe view y^e yard of y^e Workhouse and doe agree for and order y^e same to bee fenced in next to y^e road in such manner as they shal think most propper.

At a Vestry holden Oct^r y^e 5th, 1726. Ordered that Mr. John Mortimore overseer of y^e poor pays y^e Butcher, Baker, Chandler and Brewers bills as likewise what other sumes y^t have bene expended for y^e use of y^e workhouse to Michælmass last.

At a Vestry holden on Tuesday in Easter week being the 23^d day of April, 1728, agreed wth Sam^l Freman a cutler in Bunhill Row in y^e parish of Cripplegate wth out in y^e County of Middlesex to take Susan Hutchin a parish child of about 11 years old apprentice for y^e sume of Two pounds, Tenn shillings.

(was not bound out to y^s person he not liking her upon trial.)

At a Vestry holden on Munday the 5th day of May, 1729. Ordered that y^e churchwarden pays to Willowby Arrondell at y^e Old Cock in Marsh Street for expenses at his house detain^s two fellons taken at Mr. Peter Searles, £1 6s. 8d.

At a Vestry holden on Friday y^e 26th day of December, 1729. Ordered that a house for v^e better relief and maintenance of y^e poor comonly called a workhouse be forthwth founded and erected in an acre of copyhold land lying in Buryfield late agreed to bee purchased of S^r Jacob Jacobsen for y^e sume of six pounds and that it be requested of S^r Henry Maynard v^t he will please to Infranchise y^e same gratis for y^e benefit of y^e parish, who being now present in Vestry doe agree and promise soe to doe testified by his subscription of y^e same wth other underwritten inhabitants.

Farthur ordered by unanimesse consent y^t y^e gitts of Mr. Thomas Turner and Mrs. Dinah Compton being y^e sume of one hundred and eighty pounds being in Annuity Stock at 4 p.c. be forthwith sold and Rec^d by y^e churchwardens for y^e parish use as here under expressed and that eight pounds p. ann being y^e interest thereof at 5 p.c. be yearly raised by a parish rate and weakly delivered to y^e poor in Bread according to y^e will of y^e donors and y^t y^e principall mony be imployed first in paying y^e purchase mony being Ten pounds for y^e land as above expressed and afterwards for y^e building of a parish workhouse always subject to y^e above said yearly donation and distribution of Bread to y^e poor.

Farthur ordered that the above said acre bee inclosed from y^e rest of y^e comon feild for y^e use of the intended workhouse.

Farthur ordered that it be requested of Mr. Philip Dikes and S^r Henry Maynard y^e p'sent churchwardens and y^e churchwardens for y^e time being, and Edward Conyers and Rob^t Dennett esq^{ts} and Mr. John Rigg and Mr. Jere. Wakelin to purchase materials and imploy workmen and to take upon y^m y^e general care and direction of y^e build^s and inclosing and furnishing y^e above.

At a Vestry holden on Munday the 11th day of May, 1730, whereas Tho^s Clark esq^r late of y^s parish is willing and has proposed to pay into y^e hands of y^e churchwarden for y^e use of this parish the principall sume of One Hundred Pounds, to be y^e parish mony applicable to y^e building of y^e new intended workhouse on condition of paying him five p. cent. p. annum dureing his natural life and afterwards all Interest of the same to cease. Ordered y^t y^e proposal be accepted and whereas y^e said Thomas Clark esq^r hath required y^t S^r Henry Maynard and Edward Conyers esq^r shal give security by their Bond to pay said interest annually as it shal become due. Ordered y^t y^e churchwardens for y^e time being doe imburse yearly said S^r Henry Maynard and Edward Conyers esq^r y^e sum of five pounds for y^s purpose.

It is agreed and consented to at y^e same Vestry that Edward Greengrass surveyor of the highways may put up two or more fiting posts to stop any passage into y^t part of the Comon Mead called y^e Out Mead for Carts, Coaches or any wheel carriage except at Haytime or on occasion of carrying Dung or other manuer into y^e same.

At this Vestry it was agreed wth James Chipperfield and his wife to be Governour and governess of y^e workhouse belonging to y^s parish and that they be allowed a sallery of Tenn pounds a year for y^{er} care and service and y^t he is to provide himselfe, wife and children wth cloaths w^{thout} farther charge to y^e parish.

June 23, 1730. Mem^m The principal sum of One Hundred pounds was this day rec^d of Thomas Clarke esq^r by S^r Henry Maynard Bart and Edward Conyers esq^r and security at the same time given by their Bond for payment of the Interest of s^d principal sum of one hundred pounds, half-yearly at the Rate of five pounds p. cent^m p. ann during the life of the s^d Thomas Clarke according to a proposal offered and agreed to by a Vestry held for the said parish the 11th day of May, 1730. And by the s^d Bond it is agreed that the first payment of s^d Interest shall begin to be made the 25th day of December next ensuing the date above written.

19th April, 1731. Order'd that James Chipperfeild in consideration of his acting as an Overseer of the poor of the parish be allowed forty shillings for the year ensuing.

Decemb. 19th 1731. At a Vestry then held it was proposed to choose a fit person to be govern^r of the Workhouse. Robert Drake, John Jackson and John Meddlcott were proposed but none of them approved of.

Dec. the 3rd., 1732. At a Vestery then held order'd that a fourth penny and half penny rate be allowed Mr. Barthol. Hart for this present winter half year for the mantaince of the poor of the parish likewise it is ord^d that a five foot oke pale be set from the back corner of the workhouse to Mr. Conyers dich to part the yard from garden.

1730. Building Walthamstow New Workhouse to y^e said parish is D^r

June 24.	To Thomas Clark esq ^r given by him to y ^e parish towards building a new workhouse they pay ^s him 5 p.c. p. ann. Interest for y ^e same during his natural Life for y ^e performance of w ^{ch} Henry Maynard and Edward Conyers esq. have given him y ^{er} Bond for y ^e same dated y ^s day	100	—	—
Decemb. 22.	To South Sea Annuity Stock rec ^d for £100 stock y ^s day sold (being part of £175 stock) at 6½ p.c. premium less 2s 6 ^d p ^d for Brok ^{ge} ...	106	10	—
1730/1.				
March 20.	To South Sea Annuity Stock rec ^d for £75 stock y ^s day sold (y ^e remainder of £175 stock) at 8½ p.c. premium less 2s p ^d for Brok ^{ge} ...	81	3	6
		287	13	6
	To Edw ^d Greengrass carpenter paid him on Acco ^t of his Contra Ball ^{ce} by Mr. John Fell overseer of y ^e poor by order of Vestry y ^e 8 June 1732 ...	3	17	5
	To Ditto for what remained due from him to y ^e parish for Ball ^{ce} his Acco as Overseer of y ^e poor Anno 1731 w ^{ch} acco ^t s being examined and passed y ^e 21 May 1733 y ^e Ball ^{ce} was ordered to bee passed to his Deb ^t on this acco ^t being ...	33	12	—
	To Mr. John Rigg churchwarden paid by him to John Tarlin Bricklair, Ball ^{ce} his contra acco ^t ...	18	5	—
	To Ditto paid by him to Thomas Cordell smith, Ball ^{ce} his p. contra acco ^t	1	11	—
		344	18	11

172 ³ / ₅	Per Contra	C ^r
January 2 ^d	By St Jacob Jacobsen p ^d him for y ^e purchase m ^y of one acre copyhold land in the Comon feild near y ^e Church for to Build a workhouse upon. Edward Conyers esq and Mr. Jere. Wakelin being admitted as trustees for y ^e same	6 — —
	By cash p ^d Mr. W ^m Martyn steward his bill of fees for Edw ^d Conyers esq ^r and Mr. Wakelins admittance to y ^e above mentioned land as likewise for drawing upp and Inrolling a conditional Deed of Infranchisement for said land to y ^e parish	2 13 6
	By cash p ^d John Skingle for 22 Rodd of Hedgeing, Ditching and plant ^g w th Quick y ^e fence about y ^e above ground	2 4 0
June 23.	By Ditto p ^d Mr. W ^m Martyn for drawing up a proper Bond to be executed by Henry Maynard and Edw ^d Conyers esq to Tho ^s Clark esq ^r for y ^e due paym ^t of ye Annual Interest of 5 p.c. for y ^e £100 he has given y ^e parish towards building a workhouse	7 6
Aug ^t 10.	By Ditto p ^d John Skingle makeing 80,000 Bricks at 12 ^s 6 ^d p. m. ...	50 — —
	By Ditto p ^d John Skingle for Loading and unloading 80,000 Bricks at 8 ^d p. m.	2 13 4
7 ber 8.	By Ditto p ^d Robert Dumbleton of Hackney for diging a new well ...	2 17 —
	By Ditto p ^d for a letter of attorney to impower y ^e seling of £175 annuity stock... ..	— 3 —
9 ber. 30.	By Ditto p ^d W ^m Edwards, Bricklair, his bill for Building y ^e shel of y ^e House and wall as p. measurem ^t	26 16 —
Xber 23.	By Ditto p ^d Sam ^l Southouse, Ironmonger his Bill for nails	6 4 —
Jany 18.	By Ditto p ^d John Ford for 60 Bundles laths	2 10 —
Mch 31.	By Ditto p ^d Nicholas Goater plumer for Leaden Gutters and for Lead over y ^e cornish	10 — —
Feb 6.	By Ditto p ^d Mr. John Rigg his Bill for Timber and Deals	58 9 —
Apl 6.	By Ditto p ^d Mr. Turrill for 20 Bushells Hair for plaister ^g and 4 Barrills size and whiteing w ^{ch} he bought	1 7 4
	9. By Ditto p ^d Henery Skingle for 7450 plain tyles and 800 paveing Bricks...	8 9 —
	By Ditto p ^d John Smart for 1300 Red Stock Bricks and 1000 pantiles ...	5 — —
	By Ditto p ^d Hatton y ^e plaisterer his bill for plaistering work	10 4 —
	14. By Ditto p ^d James Rochester at Stratford for 56 hundred lime	25 4 —
	By Ditto p ^d for paint, viz ^t white lead, primor, mehogany colour, brushes and 3 gallons oyle for paint ^g	1 6 7
May 17.	By Ditto p ^d Sam ^l Southouse Iron mong his bill for Hinges, Latches and sash fastenings	2 — —
	By Ditto p ^d Sam ^l Bignall, plumer, for a new leaden pump and lay ^g y ^e kitchen sink with lead	9 — —
	By Ditto p ^d for 20 Newcastle Stones at 14 ^s p. doz. D ^o for 33 feet of 3 Inch ship plank to cover y ^e well at 3 ^d per foot and for wharfage, porteridge and wateridge of D ^o 5 ^s in all	1 16 7
	31. By Ditto p ^d Tho ^s Cordell, smith, for Ironwork for y ^e chimneys &c as p. bill	3 12 —
	By Ditto p ^d Tho ^s Pepiat, glazier, for 12 sashes and glazeing y ^e workhouse as p. bill	12 4 —
	By Ditto p ^d Mr. Cooke at Low Layton for measuring y ^e carpenter, Bricklair, glazier &c work	1 1 —
July 17.	By D ^o p ^d Sam ^l Chandler at Wanstead, Maison for a stone Inscription over y ^e Door... ..	1 10 —

9ber 4.	By D ^o p ^d John Tarlin, Bricklair, for paveing y ^e cellar, laying of Drains &c			
	as p. Bill	2	9	—
	By D ^o p ^d Edward Greengrass, carpenter, in part of what is oweing him for			
	y ^e carpenters work	31	12	8
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		287	13	6
	By Edw ^d Greengrass, carpenter for Ballce of his Bills for Building y ^e			
	workhouses remains due to him	25	4	10
	By ditto due to him more as p. his bill for carpenters work buildg			
	a washouse and chamber	8	8	—
	By John Tarlin, Bricklair, for Bricklairs work as p. two bills for buildg			
	a washouse and chamber	18	5	—
	By Tho ^s Cordell, smith, his bill for Iron work for y ^e workhouse &c due			
	to him	1	11	—
	By Edward Greengrass, carpenter, for 3 Rod 2 feet oak pailing at 16 ^s			
	p. rod	2	9	11
	By Ditto for an over Ballance of his acco ^t paid to him by mistake weh			
	he has repaid againe to Mr. John Rigg churchwarden as appears by his acco ^t	1	6	8
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		344	18	11

May 6, 1733. At a Vestry then holden it was ordered the Churchwardens should contract for Beef and Mutton for the use of the workhouse with such Butchers as shall offer to serve the s^d parish at the cheapest rate and in the following manner Viz. Two thirds Beef and one third mutton for the space of one whole year to commence from a day to be appointed by the said churchwardens.

May 28, 1733. Order'd that the Churchwardens do as soon as conveniently they can cause a convenient place to be made at the Workhouse of this parish for keeping and preserving the parish writings, evidences and accounts.

April the 7th 1735. Agreed to build a Brick wall before the worke house being about four Rodd, S^r Henry Maynard haveing bin so kind to give us Bricks.

May the 4th 1735. Agreed with John Kirkham for workmanshipp of a wall before the workhouse being about 4 rodde, to find lime and sand and to be paid at the rate of two pounds seven shillings per Rodd, also that there be a preambulation about the parish on Asention day next.

June 3^d 1739. Mem^m It was agreed the 21st of May last past between the parish-ioners in Vestry assembled and Mr. Robert Clifton, apothicary, That the said Robert Clifton shall carefully and duely attend and supply with all proper medicines The poor of the said parish not only those in the Workhouse of said parish but all accidental or other poor as shall be directed by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the said parish to receive such assistance and medicens as aforesaid. And it is agreed to pay to said Mr. Robert Clifton sixteen guineas for one years attendance and supply of medicines as aforesaid from the 21st of May, 1739.

5 August, 1739. At a Vestry then held it was agreed to cloath the poor belonging to the workhouse.

6 July, 1740 at a Vestry then held it was order'd as Joⁿ Danday being absent his four children should be received into y^e workhouse and to be provided for till further orders. Joⁿ Danday 12 years old.

Nat. Danday.

James D^o

Will^m D^o

29 Novemb^r 1740. At a Vestry then held it was agreed that Mr. W^m Woolball the present churchwarden should give to Mary Pennyfeather two guineas to convey Her self and two children to Her Husband, J^{no} Pennyfeather a soldier in Gen^l Whethams Regiment now at Lincoln. A certificate from Lady Maynard was produced clearing the parish of the charge of Rebuilding a Copyhold Tenement in the Lane going down to Hale End where upon it was agreed to give all the old materialls remaining of the House to Edw^d Skingle for his Building a cottage upon some other spot the said Lady Maynard shall please to appoint.

Agreed also that Mr. W^m Woolball does pay Mr. Briscoe four guineas for setting Wid^w Portlocks Thigh and cureing Holliers foot.

4 Jany, 1740. At a Vestry it was agreed to allow W^m Portlock who takes his mother Ann Portlock to live wth him at his house in St. Georges in the East in the County of Midsx, Thirty shillings p. ann. to commence from last Xmas.

AT END OF BOOK.

Copied from y^e original
placed among y^e parish papers } June 6th 1717.

Whereas the Limits of the two parishes of Low Layton and Walthamstow crossing the road to London and the ground of John Fisher esq^r lying in the two aforesaid parishes have (for want of proper marks) been uncertain and difficult to be distinguished in the late yearly perambulations; we whose names are hereunto subscribed have by joint consent and in pursuance of a view taken on y^e late perambulation day now placed four marks for the better distinguishing and ascertaining y^e said limits as follows, viz. Two posts on each side of the road above mentioned and one other post beyond the enclos'd garden of Mr. Fisher next y^e feild of Mr. Jeremiah Wakelyn now in the occupation of John James and Bocoek James together with one cross marked with Joynt consent, on a Maple Tree growing on the bank of the same field where it butts against the garden gate of the said John Fisher.

John Strype, Vic^r of Low Layton.

Robert Bowyer }
Robert Snow } churchwardens.

John Fisher.

Jn^o Plugmert.

Ed^m Chishull, Vic^r of Walthamstow.

Peter Hartopp }
R. Kirkom } churchwardens.

Jere. Wakelin.

Note that in two following perambulations, the one in the year 1721 and the other in 1723 this Judgment was retracted; upon an antient mark being discovered in the coalhouse of the said dwelling house and the post on the left hand in the road to London was remov^d after the perambulation of 1721.

DISBURSEMENTS ON THE POORS ACCOUNT.

1709.	p ^d for several hedgehogs	11	—
	p ^d Shrimpton for going to y ^e Crowner and summoning y ^e Jury on Bart. Gutteridge	6	6
	p ^d y ^e Crowner for his fee	1	10 —
	Expenses on y ^e Crowner and Jury	9	6
	charges of Bart. Gutteridge his sickness (after cutting his throat) &c	12	7
	p ^d y ^e person who called y ^e surgeon	1	6
	p ^d my horse two days in collecting y ^e Palatine brief	3	—
	p ^d Buryal of Walkers wife	2	6
	p ^d charge of getting J. Shelly into Bedlam his bedding &c	2	5 —
	p ^d keeping him all night at Waltham	—	4 6
	p ^d going three times to London to get his admittance into Bedlam	—	4 —
	p ^d Wid. Haslip for keeping Deaths bastard child	—	3 —
	due to Wafer the surgeon for curing of Eastwoods wifes hand	5	— —
	due to him for attending Barth. Gutteridge when he cut his throat	1	— —
1711.	p ^d for burying Judy Carver	9	8
	p ^d for nursing the W ^o Campling two weeks	3	—
	p ^d Jane Limoses rent	5	—
	p ^d for nursen the foundling 2 weeks	4	—
	p ^d at the crisining of the foundling	2	—
	p ^d for nursen Lubtons gurle 4 weeks	8	—
	p ^d for shoos and stockings for Lubtons gerle	2	6
	p ^d for straw for Philipsses hous	18	—
	p ^d Edwards for thatching Phillipsses house	16	—
	p ^d for Linen for old Carver... ..	7	6
	p ^d for 39 hedghogs	13	—
1715.	A stranger a woman great w th child	1	—
	A Serjeant and 6 soldiers	2	—
	Buriall charges on a stranger	19	—
	Faggots $\frac{1}{2}$ ^c to Goody Cooper	9	—
1724.	For Removing Francis Poulton from Mr. Garnetts Barne to Weston beyond Boldock being soe Rotten of y ^e pox as not able to walk or ride and for all charges and other expenses	1	9 3
	For y ^e Crying out and Lyeing Inn of Ann Dun of Rippon at Tho ^s Raggs	1	17 6
	Charges concerning Peter Simons being very ill and not willing to walk or ride but in a Cart to Hendon from y ^e Harrow in Wood Street	—	16 4
	providing for Jonas Eylet in his illness and phissek &c	2	4 6
	To the Widdow Bigg of Wood street for nursing and takeing care of Mary Green found famished on y ^e Forest &c 5 ^s 3 ^d expended ab ^t hir funeral 7 ^s 9 ^d	—	12 6
	To five Naked Turkey Gally Slaves in their way home	—	2 6
	To nursing and providing for John Tood when ill of y ^e smallpox and maintaining him till well enough to remove from White Chaple to Walthamstowe w th apothecaries Bills, Britches, hatt and shoos	2	11 9
	To two poor women cast on our Essex Coast Ready to cry out	—	1 3
	To passing of 9 poor Naked Gally Slaves	2	9
	To the Widdow Poxon for cureing sevr ^t all parishioners &c	2	— —
1726.	Paid for drawing John Spicer to y ^e workhouse	—	14 6
	p ^d for a Coffin and Shroud for Grays Child and for y ^e Buryal charges	—	6 6
	To Lame John	—	2 —
	p ^d charges passing a man to Barkin in a cart	—	5 —

1727.	p ^d Mary Biggs expenses for Lee Land a poor man who dyed at her house ...	1	1	—
	p ^d Luke Doore coroner and other expenses burying Tho ^s Mott a stranger accidentally drowned ...	2	16	6
	p ^d Joseph Cooper his leg being broke ...	5	—	—
	p ^d Joseph Cooper to buy thread ...	10	—	—
	p ^d charges burying W ^m Atkins a stranger from Dutch barn feild ...	17	—	—
	p ^d Stevens for looking after a child 8 days left upon y ^e parish by Jos. Schoolings serv't ...	7	—	—
	p ^d to Sarah Levens looking after Dennis children who is runn away ...	2	6	—
	p ^d Hannah Cousins looking after Edmonds 2 children and carrying y ^m to y ^e workhouse left upon y ^e parish ...	1	—	—
1728.	paid for Coffin and shroud for Widow Burton 8 ^s 1 ^d bearers carrying her from y ^e workhouse 4 ^s ...	—	12	—
	p ^d W ^m Beichers wife who lyes in and her husband run away ...	5	—	—
	p ^d charges sending to Elton to take upp Geo. Edmunds whose wife being run away and left 3 children ...	3	9	—
	p ^d charges sending Sarah Cooper a child to Sewardstone y ^e place of her legal settlemt ...	1	6	—
	paid puting Susan Hutchen a parish girl apprentice to Edw ^d Hunt in Deans Court, St Martins le Grand, taylor and staymaker ...	3	—	—
	p ^d for 2 coffins and shrouds for 2 children of Tho ^s Browns from y ^e workhouse	—	8	—
	p ^d for 14 days lodgeing, diet and nursing Sarah Bona at Bow her leg being broke there ...	—	15	6
	p ^d y ^e Surgion and apothecary looking after and seting her leg dureing said time	2	2	—
	p ^d charges geting Sarah Bona into St Tho ^s Hospital ...	6	—	—
	p ^d at London for a Warr ^t and charges indeavouring to take up Edw ^d Turner putative father to Mary Trotts child ...	2	6	—
	p ^d for 2 new shirts 6 ^s for coat and waistcoat 7 ^s for John Death and to a man to wash him clean 1 ^s ...	—	14	—
	p ^d for a coffin shroud and bearers for a stranger y ^t dyed at foals barn ...	—	13	—
	p ^d Edw ^d Wood being sick of y ^e small pox 2 ^s 6 ^d to D ^o 3 ^s to D ^o 5 ^s to D ^o 1 ^s	—	11	6
	paid for Coffin shroud and bearers for Edw ^d Wood ...	—	13	—
	paid charges geting Mary Ruddle (widow Civills daughter) into Bedlam she being mad, vizt to y ^e steward for Beding and other necessarys £2, to y ^e clark of Bedlam 10 ^s , to y ^e poor's box 5 ^s to y ^e doorkeeper 1 ^s to y ^e nurse 1 ^s for drawing upp y ^e petition and security given from y ^e parish 3 ^s ...	3	—	—
	p ^d expenses going to get her in ...	1	—	—
	p ^d John Morris, constable, charges carrying 2 fellows to Chelmsford ...	2	5	—
	p ^d ditto his bill for Smiths work and for y ^e fastening of John Spicer y ^e madman	1	—	—
	p ^d for Coffin and shroud and bearers for John Leader from Wood Street ...	—	12	—
	p ^d Catharine Sawyer a mad person at Layton stone ...	—	5	—
1729.	p ^d for 2 new shirts for Rich ^d Death ...	—	6	6
	p ^d William Maison in y ^e Alms Row being lame ...	—	2	6
	p ^d for a Dinner and other charges of a perambulation ...	8	9	1½
	p ^d Hannah Cousins her child continuing sick of y ^e smal pox ...	2	6	—
	p ^d Jer ^e Wills he havez 2 children sick of y ^e smal pox ...	2	6	—
	p ^d To Hannah Cousins she being sick ...	2	6	—
	p ^d Jeromy Wills his wife being sick of y ^e smal pox ...	2	6	—
	p ^d currys Hannah Cousins to y ^e workhouse she being very ill ...	2	6	—
	p ^d charges carrying Jane Sarcher alias Hardmore, Mary Dennis' bastard child to Cliff in Kent being y ^e place of its birth ...	15	—	—
	p ^d for 3 wooden stooles and mending John Spicers House and other carpenters work done at y ^e workhouse ...	15	1	—
	p ^d charges upon fetching Mary Riddle out of Bedlam 1. 3. 3 and for cloaths whilst there ...	1	6	9
	p ^d Richard Death for horse hire to London twice a week in order to have his Legg cured ...	3	—	—

	p ^d John Edwards late constable, charges carrying to Chelmsford James Hill a fellow taken in ye parish ye 26 May last	1	5	—
	p ^d John Edwards being sick of a Rumatise		5	—
	p ^d for coffin shroud and bearers for Widow Dixon from Wood Street	12	—	
	p ^d ye like for Mary Blackmore from ye workhouse	12	—	
	p ^d for coffin and shroud for Margaret Pickering almswoman 8 ^s for ye Bearers 2 ^s 6 ^d	10	6	
	p ^d for coffin shroud and bearers for John Death from ye workhouse	—	12	—
	p ^d ye like for Mary Powell from ye workhouse	—	12	—
	p ^d charges at St. Thomas Hospital getting Will ^m Belcher into ye same being sick of a dropsey with charges sending him thither	—	9	—
	p ^d John Skingle, constable, charges carrying John Short to Chelmsford goal	1	4	—
	p ^d Eliz ^h Rigg in Marsh Street being sick of a Rumatise		2	6
	p ^d ye midwife for laying Eliz th Gray at ye workhouse of a bastard child		5	—
1730.	To sev ^{ll} poor men by a pass		5	—
	To a stranger sick with the smallpox		2	6
	For a coffin and shroud for a man that died at the Welchwomans in Marshstreet		8	—
	Paid the Constables charges for carrying Mary Stock al ^s Pookey to Chelmsford for a Coffin and shroud for a child from Mr. Wakelins barn	1	—	—
	For 4 months keeping of Lord Smiths wife at Kingsland Lock 1 18 0 other charg ^s 3 ^s 6	—	5	—
	To John Bilboe y ^t died at Witham	2	1	6
	To James Chipperfield for horse hire and other charges in going to inform the coroner with the death of Eliz. Newberry who was found drown'd	15	6	
	To James Chipperfield for horse hire and other charges in going to inform the coroner with the death of Eliz. Newberry who was found drown'd	—	4	—
	Paid the coroners fees	1	1	—
	Paid the Officers fees for admittance of Roger Mason into St. Barth. Hospital ...	—	4	6
1731.	To Dame Duck being lame	—	1	6
	To Mrs. Mills at the House of Correction for maintaneing Bess. Gray... ..	4	—	—
	To Mr. Blean the surgion for setting old Phœbys arm	3	3	—
	To for laying out old Phœby 1 ^s and to the Bearers 4 ^s	—	5	—
	To Abraham Lawrence at twice he being lame	—	4	—
	To charges to getting him into the Hospital	—	6	3
	To Mr. Garnet what he disbursed for a poore woman in Noads Barne	—	12	—
	To D ^o for a horse and cart to carry Dame Duck to the Hospitall	—	2	6
	To Harewood at 3 severall tymes when her child was hurt p. falling into ye fire	—	7	6
	To Boran at severall tymes when his family had the small pox	2	2	6
	To Andrew Thornton a parishoner of Coggeshall when sick of small pox	2	6	—
1732.	To John Shrimpton spent Perambulation day	6	12	8½
	To John Pookey for his clothing for a whole sute &c... ..	1	2	10
	To ditto Pookey for putting out to apprentice	2	—	—
	To the Coroners fees for a man found dead on the Forest	1	1	—
	To the Coroners fees for a man found dead in Collards Barn	1	1	—
	To Mr. Th ^o Pulney constable for carring a prisner to Clensf ^d	15	—	
1733.	Paid for burying Drakes grandson in the Hospital	—	19	6
	Paid for Laurences washing at St. Thomas Hospital	—	3	9
	For Bleeding Miles Haslip and a Truss	—	2	—
1734.	To several poor slaves	—	2	—
	To Dame Ford for Blankets &c	—	12	—
	To Joseph Wilson for seting and cureing Joseph Coopers legg	5	5	—
	To Brewiss for Reliefe of his sister in the smallpox	2	2	—
1735.	To Mr. Garnett for ye Widow Gray for Beer and Relief	—	3	1½
	To the Widow Clarke when she left ye workhouse	—	10	6
	To Old Mitton 4 ^s and to Widow Warner nursing him 4 ^s 3 ^d	—	8	3
1736.	p ^d to Widow Brown for her sun 13 months at 8 ^s p. month	5	4	—
	p ^d for carrying Dame Ragg to ye lworkhouse	—	2	—
	p ^d Dame Chipperfield to see a woman out of ye parish	—	2	—
	p ^d for carrying Sarah Shickleton to ye workhouse	—	2	—

	p ^d for Fran ^s Goodin carrying to Hospital in a cart expenses 2 ^s 6 ^d for flannil 4 ^s 6 ^d and other necessaries 6 ^s 6 ^d	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	6
	p ^d for puting a garl out prentis	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
	p ^d for a poor man Lodgin	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	6
1737.	For a lunatic found in Clay Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6
	Gave a woman at the Ferry gate and nursing	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
	expenses on acc ^t of a poor man found in Sir John Salters hayloft and going to the Coroner and his fees	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7 6
	p ^d 2 men for striping him and putting him into his coffin and carring him to the grave	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	6
	expended in passing Wid ^o Redbead and her 3 child ^{rn} to Brill, Bucks	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	17 6
	gave a Vag ^t going out of the parish	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6
	p ^d a poor woman going out of the parish	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
	p ^d Mr. Schooling for his chaise to carry Redhead to Bucks	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2 —
	p ^d for carrying Abraham Lawrence to Guys Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	6
	p ^d for burying Abraham Lawrence and other charges	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3 6
	gave a poor woman found in Mr. Greaves Barn	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
	Laid out for Rob ^t Drake to buy him Leather and Thread	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	6
	p ^d for shaving John Edwards in y ^e workhouse	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	5
	p ^d for a spade, Bill, p. gloves for John Hollyer	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6
1738.	Charges endeavouring to find John Dorington	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
	gave Doringtons wife in her husbands absence	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	18 —
	P ^d for half a pint of wine for a poor man	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	— 6
	To a poor woman with child and Three sailors with a pass	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	3 6
	To three men which came with a pass	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1 6
	P ^d coroner and expenses on the Jury on account of the man who died at Whips Cross	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	— 6
	P ^d washing and mending two shirts	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	9
	Charges and expenses carrying Widow Peck to Barking	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	7 —
	Pd. Mr. Macdonald for opening the man at Whips Cross	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2 —
	To a poor woman sick in Mad ^m Hides Barn	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1 —
	P ^d for a pair of gloves for John Edwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1 —
1739.	To spent in a dinner	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3 3
	To gave Staines to carry his daughter to the Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2 3
	To p ^d Mr. Forbes, surgeon for curing Haslers wife of a mortification	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4 —
	To p ^d Bearers for Croydon, an Irishman	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2 —
	To gave Margery Croydon to get rid of her	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1 6
	To gave a sick Travelling woman	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2 —
	To gave a poor travelling man and his wife	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1 —
	To gave Edw ^d Harwood a boy taken out of the workhouse by his Relations	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	3 6
	To p ^d Mrs. Scott for nourishm ^t for a poor woman almost froze to death	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2 —
	To gave Drake's wid ^w to depart the workhouse	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	10 —
1740.	To p ^d an Idle fellow out of Oxford ^r	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2 6
	To gave Dame Stevens her Daughter being ill of y ^e smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1 —
	To give Dame Callis her husband &c ill of y ^e smallpox	—	10 6
	To gave a woman for Nursing D ^o a fortn ^t	—	15 —



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At first sight the Walthamstow of to-day, with its busy thronging streets, brilliantly-lighted shops and picture-palaces, seems an essentially modern town, for it has not the air of quaintness which antiquity generally imparts. The history of Walthamstow may, however, be traced back through many ages, and at all times this history is extremely interesting, due, no doubt, to the many famous people who have lived in or visited the town.

The first written record of Walthamstow is inscribed in the Domesday Book, in which it is stated that Walthamstow, or Wilcumbestou, as it is written, was the land of the Countess Judith, who was the niece of William the Conqueror. It may be gathered from the same record that Walthamstow, in William the First's reign, had advanced considerably since the reign of King Edward, for "Then it was worth fifteen pounds; now twenty-eight pounds and two ounces of gold." The size of the Parish Church, which was built by the King's standard-bearer, points to the fact that the population must have been of a fair size, and that Wilcumbestou was, therefore, a parish of some importance.

The Parish Church is an interesting building, for it contains in its monuments relics of past ages, which never fail to arouse a feeling of wonder and amazement, and to quicken interest. A brass monument erected in the year 1585, when seen nowadays brings to the imaginative mind a picture of the days of Good Queen Bess, when Drake and his comrades plundered Spanish galleons, and with the booty darted away in their light craft, which seemed to mock the huge, ungainly galleons. In the same way each monument suggests some picture of the past when Walthamstow was contributing towards the history of England as now. The parish plate is another source of interest in the Church, for it is said that the famous Dick Turpin once ransacked the Church and held the plate to ransom.

Near the Church are many buildings of interest, and it is in this part of the town that one may learn most clearly about Walthamstow in days gone by. A few wooden houses still remain from the sixteenth century, when they were the homes of the poorer peasants, for at that time only the gentry lived in brick houses. The old Vestry Hall, which still stands, was inhabited by people who were strictly dieted, the reason for this being given by the inscription over the doorway:—

"If any would not work
Neither should he eat."

The Almshouses in the Churchyard were built by one of Walthamstow's most famous men, George Monoux. He lived in the reign of Henry VIII, but, fortunately for Walthamstow, he was able to retain his head. He did much for Walthamstow besides building the Almshouses, for it is to him that we owe the Church tower, which, in its time, has undoubtedly served as a watch-tower.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, George Gascoigne, a famous poet, lived at Thorpe Hall. He wrote several masques, one of which was performed before the Queen at Kenilworth, and on one occasion he is known to have presented one of his books to Her Majesty.

The next period of interest is the time when Sir Wm. Batten came to live at the Rectory Manor House, and was visited by his friends, among whom were Samuel Pepys and Sir William Penn, whose son founded Pennsylvania. We may learn of the visits of Pepys to our town by means of his famous "Diary," written in shorthand, which has been deciphered, although the author probably intended that his innermost thoughts should never reach the minds of the public.

Sir Robert Wigram was an interesting inhabitant of Walthamstow. He was the proud father of twenty-three children, so proud that, when a child was born to him, he went to the Debtors' Prison in London and by paying his debts set a debtor free. He obtained his baronetcy in a curious manner. One night he was in the Houses of Parliament. Pitt had been defeated and was consequently feeling depressed, especially as no man spoke to him to encourage him. Wigram, seeing him, said "Good night, Mr. Pitt." Pitt, later, discovered the name of the man who had spoken to him on the night of his defeat, and conferred on him the title of Sir Robert Wigram.

Another family which did much for Walthamstow was the wealthy Maynard family. The Maynards lived in the Shernhall Manor House, which, unfortunately, does not still remain. They were specially active in connection with the Church, in which there is a monument to their memory.

Among other interesting inhabitants of Walthamstow is the Berthon family, the members of which were Huguenots who fled to England on the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. General Edward Barnes, a friend of the Berthons, was a constant visitor at "Clock House," where they lived. He fought courageously in the Battle of Waterloo, and was wounded in that battle. Some time afterwards he was visiting the Berthons, and, with his friend, was walking along Lea Bridge Road. Suddenly a footpad sprang forth from the darkness and demanded his money or his life, and General Barnes, who had stood against the attacks of the French, was unable to withstand the footpad—he submitted to having his money and watch taken. It was afterwards proved that the murderous-looking weapon with which the footpad threatened the General was not a pistol at all, but merely the end of a candlestick.

The famous poet, William Morris, was a Walthamstow man. He lived at Elm House until 1840, and later took up his residence at Lloyd Park Mansion. He was a Socialist, a dreamer, an artist, and a poet, and he changed completely the prevalent ideas of furniture and printing. Among the friends who visited him was the famous artist, Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

Sir Morell Mackenzie and Benjamin Disraeli both received their education in Walthamstow, and both became famous, the one as a surgeon and the other as a politician. Morell Mackenzie was called to operate upon the German Emperor's throat, and, although his patient died, he received ten thousand pounds for his attentions to the Emperor. Benjamin Disraeli was educated at Essex Hall, which was a famous boarding school in his time, and by his subsequent career Walthamstow gained much glory. Daniel Defoe did not live in Walthamstow, nor was he educated there, but he was a constant visitor to the town, for he used to come from Middlesex over the bridge by the "Ferry Boat" Inn, and so into Essex.

So, by the people who have lived in or visited Walthamstow, the town has prospered through the ages. Following the example of their ancestors, the people of Walthamstow cannot fail to have a feeling of pride in their town, and a desire that it shall still advance so that future generations may have as goodly a heritage as they.

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